

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 1 to 14, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Furthermore, a respective drain or outlet line 4 is connected individually to a drain or outlet opening 41 provided at the center of the bottom of each individual tank 1. Thus, three individual drain or outlet lines 4 are connected to the three individual tanks 1, and all of these drain lines 4 must be arranged to have the required slope for achieving a proper liquid drainage. These plural drain lines 4 extend and are connected to a pipe branch junction 42 that leads to a further drain line 43 and that is arranged below the floor level of the several tanks 1 generally centered among the tanks along the vertical upright axis extending centrally between the tanks. All of these drain lines must be heated by suitable heating elements, such as electrical heating conductors, so as to prevent a freezing of the waste water or an icing of the drain lines during flight operation of the aircraft.

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, line 3 to page 20, line 6, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

As generally mentioned above, the first circular flange 9 is made up of at least one partial flange 7 and at least one complementary flange which may be at least one additional partial flange 7 and/or at least one blind flange 8, which complement one another to form a complete

circular shape of the first circular flange 9. The particular shape of each partial flange 7 and/or blind flange 8 depends on the shape or configuration of, or the intended number of, the respective associated liquid containers 1. For a one-half-tank 11, the partial flange 7 is configured as a one-half-flange 71 having a one-half-circular shape. For a one-third-tank 12, the partial flange 7 is configured as a one-third-flange 72 having the shape of a one-third-sector ( $120^\circ$ ) of a circle. For a one-quarter-tank 13, the partial flange 7 is configured as a one-quarter-flange 73 having the shape of a one-quarter-sector ( $90^\circ$ ) of a circle. Correspondingly, in order to complement the one or more partial flanges 7, depending on the number and configuration of the liquid containers 1, the blind flange or flanges 8 is or are provided in the configuration of a one-half blind flange 81 (with a one-half-circle sector shape), a one-third blind flange 82 (with a one-third-circle sector shape), a two-thirds blind flange 83 (with a two-thirds-circle sector shape), a one-quarter blind flange 84 (with a one-quarter-circle sector shape), or a three-quarters blind flange ~~[[86]]~~ 85 (with a three-quarters-circle sector shape). The flange edges of the complementary flanges, i.e. the partial flange 7 and the blind flange 8, to form the complete first circular flange 9, are configured and arranged in an exactly fitting manner, and can be simply butted against one another, with or without a seal

therebetween, or can be shaped in a respective form-fitting or form-interlocking manner to engage with one another.

Please replace the paragraph at page 39, lines 6 to 24, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Fig. 18 and its related Figs. 18A, 18B and 18C show a further variation of the flange connection arrangement according to Figs. 16 and 17, in which only a single one-third-tank ~~[[12B]]~~ 12 is connected to the single drain line 4, for example in the tank arrangement generally relating to Fig. 5. In comparison to the arrangement of three tanks discussed above in connection with Fig. 16, the single tank arrangement of Fig. 18 omits the first and third drain stubs 2A and 2C and the associated drain flanges 23A and 23C thereof, because the associated first and third tanks 12A and 12C have been omitted. Accordingly, the first and third omitted drain flanges 23A and 23C are replaced by respective blind flanges 33 that are sealed and mechanically connected to the first and third connection flanges 27A and 27C so as to close and cover the first and third connection stubs 26A and 26C. Otherwise, the connection of the remaining single drain stub 2B with its drain flange 23B connected and sealed to the connection flange 27B of the second connection stub 26B is carried out in the same manner as discussed above with regard to Figs. 16 and 17.